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ADVICE

Great Fluctuations in the Crop and in the Price-Large Brazil Crop Causes Fall in Value.

Consul Dent transmits from Kingston, Jamaica, a short report on coffee, prepared by a well known planter in the island, as follows:

COFFEE GROWING.

Egyptian campaign.

This new bullet, besides possessing superior carrying and penetrating qualities, has the virtue of placing the wounded man entirely hors de combat as other small caliber bullets have falled to do so. It is said that the core of the bullet is made of a piece of steel with teeth or notches in it, which causes the bullet to spread on striking an object. Thus, with further carrying powers are a worse wound is inflicted the given by the I have been coffee planting for the ast twenty years, and during that time great uncertainty as to crops—these being dependent upon the proper distribution of the rainfall and not upon the cultivation—makes coffee planting difficult. When I say the crop is not dependent on the cultivation. I mean that, however good the cultivation may be, without proper weather there will be no crop. With practically the same acreage as now—i. e.. 330 acres—my crops have ranged from 22 casks of \$50 pounds to (in one year) 154 casks. The best seasons may be said to be: A dry January and February to rest the trees after the previous crop; showers to bring out blossoms—the best is a general bloom in April; then good rains in May out blossome—the best is a general bloom in April; then good rains in May and a not too hot July and August. If the latter months are hot, the crop is likely to be burnt before it is mature. The low prices are attributable to the immense production of coffee in Brazil.

When once coffee growing is well es-tablished, 4 hundred weight (488 pounds) per acre may be expected, and this return should last for fifteen years at least. It may vary considerably from year to year; thus, after a very heavy crop, says 6 hundred weight (672 pounds) or even 7 hundred weight (784 pounds) per acre, the return would be proportionately small; attil 4 hundred proportionately small: still 4 hundred weight per acre should be about the return in good land, and without fertilizers should last fifteen years. In this part of the island, we expect coffee to bear for twenty years after the first bearing, say twenty-five years from the time of planting.

COST OF CULTIVATION. COST OF CULTIVATION.

Speaking roughtly, the cost of land, fencing, planting, cultivation, and all other charges should came to £15 (\$73) per acre by the end of the fifth year—that is, the year when one may reasonably expect a crop; a small crop would be reaped possibly the third or fourth year, but it is not good for the trees. I think that a fair estimate of the cultivation reasing, and curing of the crop think that a fair estimate of the cultivation, reaping, and curing of the crop per acre, including 10 per cent for supervision and 10 per cent for extras, is £5 (\$24 33) for a return of 4 hundred weight of clean coffee fit for sale.

The price of land varies very much, but, generally speaking, £1 (\$4 8685) an acre has been considered fair value. Of course, there are lands to be had at much lower prices; the government

much lower prices; the government lands sell at about 5s (\$1 22) per acre. In short, there is no regular price, values being determined by the situation. It would be useless to undertake coffee planting unless there is plenty of labor

planting unless there is plenty of labor, as much is needed for weeding, pruning and reaping.

As to the price of land in coffee, I should imagine that about £20 (\$97 33) an acre for old and £30 (\$146) for young coffee woud satisfy most people.

Rye crops could not be planted between the rows of coffee trees, though orange trees might be planted at this altitude (\$200 feet) in place of other shade trees. During the first three years, some sort of shade is necessary, and it is the custom to plant yams, cassava, cocoa, etc., but this should be cassava, cocoa, etc., but this should be done sparingly, as undergrowth is not good for the trees.

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MANILA'S FOREIGN COMMERCE. Official Information of America's New Eastern Port.

The United States Navigation Bureau of the Treasury Department has made the following statement: The navigation returns for the port of Manila during the calendar year 1897 show that the total entries and clearances of ves-sels in the foreign trade amounted to 154 vessels of 202,131 net tons, and for

1898 to 183 vessels of 293,920 net tons, and for 1898 to 183 vessels of 239,920 net tons. For 1897 the steam tonnage compris-ed 137 vessels of 176,893 tons, British tonnage rose from 119,945 tons in 1897 to 174,160 tons in 1898; German tonnage de-clined from 36,524 tons in 1897 to 31,158 tons in 1898. tons in 1898

American tonnage, all sailing vessels, amounted to 8282 tens in 1897, and is not recorded in 1898, as army transports conducted the trade under the American flag. The other nations represented in the carrying trade of the islands are Spanish Norwaccian Tapanands. ands are Spanish, Norwegian, Japan-ese, Dutch and Danish.

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